

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charging apparatus comprising:  
a movable image bearing member;  
a first charging member for charging said image  
5 bearing member; and  
a second charging member provided upstream of  
said first charging member with respect to a  
direction of movement of said image bearing member,  
said second charging member having an elastic  
10 rotary member rubbing against said image bearing  
member.
2. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein said elastic rotary member has a foamed  
15 rubber layer as a surface of said elastic rotary  
member.
3. A charging apparatus according to Claim 2,  
wherein said foamed rubber layer has 20-40 degrees  
20 (Asker C hardness).
4. A charging apparatus according to Claim 3,  
wherein an electrical resistance of said foamed  
rubber layer is  $10^7$  to  $10^9 \Omega$ .
- 25 5. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein a voltage comprising a direct current and an

alternating current superimposed one upon the other is applied to said first charging member, and a direct current voltage is applied to said second charging member.

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6. A charging apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said charging apparatus is used in an image foaming apparatus of an electrophotographic process, and wherein said image bearing member has a  
10 photosensitive layer.

7. A charging apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said image bearing member has a surface protecting layer covering the photosensitive layer.  
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8. A charging apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the surface protecting layer has a thickness of 2-10  $\mu$ m, and taper abrasion wear of 0.1 to 1.0 mg/1000 revolutions.  
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